

# Overseas Press Club Bulletin

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## Dateline A Win

The Annual Edition of DATELINE '85 is 56 pages strong of which 26 are advertising, and was distributed at the annual Overseas Press Club Awards dinner.

It was edited by Murray Schumach and layout and art work under the supervision of Pierre Cooley.

It grossed \$47,155.00 and is expected to strengthen the Club's treasury by about \$20,000. Copies are being sent to the membership according to Publisher, Henry Gellermann.

## Brody to Program

Rosalie Brody has been appointed Chairman of the Program Committee for the 1985-1986 season. She welcomes volunteers to work with her on lining up events for Fall 1985 and Winter/Spring 1986. Her phone number is 212-988-8951.

A graduate of Smith College, Ms. Brody has spent her entire business career in advertising, publishing and public relations. She is now head of her own public relations firm, serving as publicist and consultants to publishers of books and magazines, corporations and trade associations and other public relations firms.

## Keep in Touch!

Your fellow OPCers like to know what's what with you...as you would like to know what's what with them. So—keep us all advised by telling the BULLETIN what you're up to these days. Thanks!

### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Material for the Bulletin must be received in the OPC Office by the 14th of the preceding month, for publication in the following month's issue.

NOTE: There will be no publication of the Bulletin in August.

## OPC Protests Jailing Journalists

The Overseas Press Club of America has protested the imprisonment and other persecution of 78 journalists in 18 countries "who are being held for committing offenses generally no more than writing articles critical or embarrassing to their governments."

In cables to the heads of state, the OPC said that the detentions violate freedom of the press and Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The club appealed to the 18 governments to "move quickly to free the journalists, or at least to assure them humane treatment, prompt and fair trials, the right to see their families and to consult with legal counsel."

The messages were signed by Anita Diamant, OPC president, and Norman Schorr, chairman of the club's Freedom of the Press committee, and member of the OPC Board of Governors.

With 18 journalists in jail, Turkey headed the list of countries receiving the press club's appeal. Close behind were Taiwan with 10, the Soviet Union 11, the People's Republic of China 9, and Uganda and Nigeria with 5. Other countries named were Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Syria and Vietnam.

"It's unfortunate that an investigative report on government corruption—or on the little-known past of a presidential appointee—the kind of story that could very well win awards in this country," the OPC officials commented, "is very likely to win the writer in too many other countries a term in prison, arrest without charges, intimidation, torture or the now-familiar 'disappearance.'"

Several of the detained journalists have been held for many years without trial. One in the Philippines, Satur Ocampo, assistant business editor of The Manila Times, has been held without trial since his arrest in 1976. Chia Thya Poh, editor of a political journal, has been detained in Singapore without trial since October, 1966. Mawan Hamawi, director of the Syrian news agency SANA, was arrested in 1975, and held since without being charged or tried. Three journalists in Nigeria have not been formally charged or tried since their arrest last year.

A writer in Morocco was sentenced to two years in jail for his article suggesting that the monarchy be abolished. No verdict has been handed down as yet on a reporter in Pakistan whose writings were found offensive by the government. One held in Kenya is believed to be a case of mistaken identity.

In the Soviet Union, most of the imprisoned journalists wrote for underground publications. Vitaly Schevchenko, convicted of circulating Samizdat articles, was sentenced by Soviet courts to seven years' imprisonment and six years of internal exile.

In Taiwan, several editors were imprisoned for advocating peaceful reunification with mainland China. Two editors in Cuba have been imprisoned for more than 20 years.

A writer with the Ugandan News Agency, John Basoga, was charged with biased reporting, and has been held since his arrest in August, 1984.

Li Guangyi, editor of China Finance and Trade News, was sentenced to five years by the government of the People's Republic of China, for revealing "state secrets" to foreign reporters.

Vladas Lapienis, charged with "circulating anti-Soviet slander" in connection with a manuscript he wrote about a prior prison sentence, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

The 78 prisoners whose imprisonment and other harassment were protected by the club were named on a list compiled principally by the Committee To Protect Journalists, Amnesty International and PEN.

"Freedom of the press in many parts of the world means only freedom of the press for the party in power to be won for itself, but denied to others," Diamant and Schorr said.

"Fear of the truth is widespread," they continued. "So, journalists who report the truth—that may offend or expose those in charge—are often punished, tortured or denied the right to work."

Prior protests and appeals, made on both freedom-of-the press and humanitarian bases have met with limited success, they added.



## Jailed Journalists

"Sometimes conditions have been improved, and sometimes journalists have been freed from prison or cleared of unfounded charges," the OPC officers said.

"Sometimes there are no discernible results. But our protest, joined with the protests of other press organizations, tell the countries involved that someone around the world cares and is watching," they stated.

The complete list of 78 journalists follows:

CUBA—Fernando Rivas Porta, Luis Rodriguez Rodriguez.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—Frantisek Starek.

ETHIOPIA—Martha Kumsa

KENYA—Wang'ondy Kariuki, Otieno Mak'Onyango

LEBANON—Terry A. Anderson, Alec Collett.

LIBYA—Muhammad al Fitouri, Kahlifa Sifaw Khaboush, Ali Muhammad Hadidan al-Rheibi, Idris Muhammad Ibn Tayeb.

MOROCCO—Abd As-Salam Yassin.

NIGERIA—Mallam Haroun Adamu, Hanza Aminu, Malam Rufai Ibrahim, Leke Salau, Dr. Tai Solarin.

PAKISTAN—Suhail Sanghi.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA—Dai Zhen, Fu Sheng, Li Guangyi, Liu Qing, Wang Xizhe, He Qiu, Wei Jing-sheng, Xu Wenli, Zhu Jianbin.

THE PHILIPPINES—Satur Ocampo.

SINGAPORE—Chia Thya Poh.

SOVIET UNION—Viktor Beskrovnykh, Vyacheslav Chornovil, Sergei Gri-goryants, Gintautas Iesamantas, Zoya A. Krakhmalnikova, Vladas Lapienis, Dmitry Markov, Valery Timofeyevich Repin, Vitaly Schevchenko, Yuri Shikhanovich, Alexei Smirnov.

SYRIA—Marwan Hamawi

TAIWAN—Chang Hua-min, Huang Hua, Li Ching-jung, Li Ching-sun, Chang Chun-hung, Chen Chu, Huang Hsin-chieh, Lin Hung-hsuan, Shih Ming-teh, Yao Chia-wen.

TURKEY—Metin Culhaoglu, Ali Sirmen, Huseyin Bas + 15 other journalists.

UGANDA—John Basoga, Pascal Butere, David Kasujja, Andrew Mulindwa, John Baptist Kyeyune, James Namakoja, John Owino, Anthony Ssekweyama.

VIETNAM—Nguyenn Khanh Giu, Tran Da Tu.

## Ross Ups Award Fund

A generous contribution by the family of Madeline Dane Ross enables OPC to increase to \$1,000, the annual award for the foreign correspondent best showing a concern for the human condition, Julia Edwards, committee chairman, informs us.

The gift was presented on behalf of Inez Ross, Madeline's sister, by their niece, Mrs. Judith Weiss.

Created 12 years ago, the Madeline Dane Ross Award Fund has reached the original goal of \$10,000. Members of OPC have contributed \$4,000.

Continuing member contributions will be needed to inaugurate the \$1,000 award from income in 1986 and to secure the Fund in perpetuity in case of declining interest rates, Edwards said.

"As our award winners have demonstrated, concerned correspondents can awaken the conscience of the world. They can move governments. They can raise millions for the starving. They deserve all the encouragement we can give them," she added.

Tax deductible contributions may be made to: The Madeline Dane Ross Award Account—OPC Foundation. Gifts have been made in memory of those who shared Madeline's concerns. For immediate acknowledgement, inform Julia Edwards, 2801 New Mexico Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

## Morris Teaching

M. D. Morris has returned from the Naval Air Test Center, Maryland, where he taught a week-long advanced technical writing course, following a basic one at Bennington College. In New York later he moderated a symposium at the International Association for Business Communication Annual; addressed the Visual Communications Congress, then the Society for Technical Communications; and, later, in Atlanta, the American Society for Engineering Education. He is also completing a year-long experimental writing program with students at Westbury, New York, Senior High School.

## Singer Writing

Dr. Henry Singer had the lead article in the May issue of MODERN ASIA on "The Last Taipans of Hong Kong." A special issue on the Future of Hong Kong in THE CHINA BUSINESS REVIEW will also feature a piece by Henry in the September edition.

Henry will also be conducting a workshop at the Interamerican Congress of Psychology in Caracas the week of July 4th and in Oslo, Norway in September.

## Anita's Thanks

As we are entering a new year, with many new names on our Board of Governors, and a newly appointed Treasurer (voted in unanimously by the Board), George Burns, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Board Members and Chairpersons who made this past year a successful one for the OPC.

I particularly want to thank our past President Henry Gellermann, not only for publishing such a fine edition of Dateline, but also for pinch-hitting as Treasurer. All of you who were at our dinner, will, I think, agree that it was a particularly effective journalistic event, and this was largely due to our Dinner Chairman, Charles Brophy, our Awards Chairman, Morton Frank, and our Freedom of the Press Chairman, Norman Schorr.

Dateline and the Dinner will present us with a nice profit, which will enable us to stay in the black operationally this year.

We are again facing problems with our housing, since our landlord, The Chemists Club, has raised our usage fee to the tune of approximately 40% and so a committee, headed by Bryce Miller, is searching for suitable quarters, and if any of our members have suggestions along these lines, please send them along to me.

We have a wonderful new Program Chairman, Rosalie Brody, who has already scheduled several programs, and with her energy and enthusiasm, we shall undoubtedly have a busy and fruitful season. Again, if there are special types of programs which our members would like, do let us know about them. The officers and the Board of Governors have been elected to serve all of the members, but we can only do this effectively if we know the direction you wish the OPC to follow.

Anita Diamant  
President

## OPCers in Frisco

The American Bookseller's Convention in San Francisco gave several OPC members a chance to rub elbows there Memorial Day Week-End. Anita Diamant, Carol Smith, Grace Shaw, Ken Giniger, Rosalie Brody, among others, were seen walking up and down the aisles of the crowded convention hall, representing writers and publishers.

The weather in San Francisco dismayed many of the visitors, since those who left the East in warm weather, arrived in San Francisco in cold, often drizzly weather. But as always the city proved to be exciting and members who visited the San Francisco Press Club reported that they were warmly welcomed.



## Letters

When A.W. Clausen, president of the World Bank, spoke at the annual OPC awards banquet on April 24, he referred to what he called "a stimulant to knowledge and understanding" in which citizens would be able to see the connection between their own well-being and the well-being of citizens in some far-off land.

He then described how a public affairs specialist at the World Bank (a former foreign correspondent) spent a month at the Hattiesburg, (Miss.) *American*—their daily newspaper—looking, finding and writing about the connections between the normal flow of life in that Deep South city and Third World countries.

He gave examples of stories which appeared during his one-month stint at the *American*: migrants from developing countries working as doctors and teachers in the Hattiesburg area; local churches making contributions to famine relief in Africa and community work in Mexico; a local bank lending to Third World countries; a local executive inviting trainees from China to his company; a rash of farm failures attributable in part to decreased buying power of heavily indebted developing countries.

Shortly after Mr. Clausen gave prominent mention to this project, I am pleased to report, Sigma Delta Chi is announcing grants from three major foundations totaling \$235,000 for a 2-year project to find and report these and other connections in their own backyards.

The project is called "Main Street America and the Third World."

The foundations funding this unique and important new look in journalism are Ford, Benton and Carnegie. Our proposals for financial assistance were accepted by the groups which saw an opportunity to open a new avenue of understanding throughout America for the media to develop new attitudes and new procedures in reporting.

The public affairs specialist at the World Bank who sparked the idea, then captured our interest for an ongoing program, is John Maxwell Hamilton. He is taking leave from the World Bank for two years to supervise this project.

Russ Tornabene  
Executive Officer  
Society of Professional  
Journalists

## Items

Our own Elmer Lower tells us he will be back in these haunts before too long... after a period of teaching in San Diego at the State University. What he taught was stuff he is most informed about—contemporary issues in telecommunications, broadcasting news and public affairs and international broadcasting.

Since retiring from ABC in 1978 he has taught at eight universities, including Columbia's graduate school of journalism and Missouri's journalism school.

We look ahead to welcoming him as he comes home.

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SEOUL, Korea—Dong-A Ilbo, the Korean daily newspapers, have won a 1985 Missouri Honor Medal from the University of Missouri Journalism School "for outstanding exemplary service."

Kim Sang-Man, emeritus president of the newspapers, said, after receiving the award, that he accepts it "proudly as a Korean and modestly as a journalist." "We have made efforts to speak for our Koreans," he said, "and I think we have had success during days of adversity."

"Dong-A Ilbo has made a great achievement for Korea in its promotion of modernization and freedom," said Chancellor Barbara Uehling of the University of Missouri.

Missouri's Journalism School, established in 1908, has conferred the honor medal annually since 1930 to the most outstanding newspaper and journalist of the year.

President Kim Sang-Man was raised to a Knight by the British government several years ago. He is the first Korean awarded the title and rank of nobility.

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OPC Sidney Gross, long a PR consultant, has been elected chairman of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications at New York University.

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Sylvana Foa has been named assistant managing editor/International for United Press International, it was announced by Maxwell McCrohon, VP and editor in chief. Foa, who had been UPI's Pacific editor, in Hong Kong, will transfer to Washington to direct UPI's international news operation.

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## New Applications

### ASSOCIATE RESIDENT

**J.A. Davis Banks**—President (Publishers' Rep.) Banks & Company  
Sponsors: *Svend E. Nielsen—George A. Krinsky*

**William H. Kratch**—RFE/RL, Dir. NY Pgm Ctr.  
Sponsors: *Gene Sosin—Ted Burgert*

### ASSOCIATE NON-RESIDENT

**Lynn Ansara**, Dir. of Communications, NYS DIV. of Substance Abuse  
Sponsors: *Ted Burgert—Paul R. Mosher*

### ASSOCIATE NON-RESIDENT

#### Under Age 30

**John Schwartz**—Research Asst., Texas Monthly Magazine  
Sponsors: *John Groth—James Hill*

## New Members

### ASSOCIATE RESIDENT

**Frank L. Dent**

### ASSOCIATE RESIDENT

#### Under Age 30

**Steve Fishman**

### AFFILIATE

**Ted Klein**

### REINSTATED

#### Active Non-Resident

**Bill D. Ross**



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## Barney Oldfield Remembers

*The following was derived from an address recently by OPCer Col. Barney Oldfield at Mira Costa high school, Manhattan Beach, Calif.*

In 1943 I was a paratrooper and I had been ordered to England to carry out probably the toughest sales job ever. There was concern that something the Army had begun—introducing soldiers into combat by parachute and glider transport—had not been well covered by war correspondents. The Army was staking a great deal on the success of airborne troops... and needed the role better understood.

My job was to sidle up to war correspondents in London to make them a great story offer... having them accompany the airborne troops into battle. At that time this was about as enticing a prospect as asking him to stand still while somebody knocked his teeth out with a ballbat.

If they said yes, they had to go to parachute and glider school... ultimately making five qualifying parachute jumps and as many glider rides and landings. There was good reason for this as no commander wanted to have somebody freeze in the aircraft door at the last minute and jeopardize the lives of soldiers already hazardingly engaged.

Over a period of four months I got sixteen to volunteer, go through the training and announce themselves ready. One of the earliest to volunteer was a young man born in Omaha, Nebraska, named Robert Reuben.

Although he was an American, he had landed a job with the British news agency, Reuters, and was accredited for them. He was one of the first to be apprehensive about a journalism imperative... once he had his story and lived through the landing, how was he to get it out?

Unless he could tell his story, it would have been for nothing and he might be a dead man as well. Every communications need had to be carried with him—by parachute!

At this juncture in our mutual dilemma... an old Army sergeant appeared at my door in London. He had a suggestion. Had we ever thought about using carrier pigeons?

My first reaction was to not consider this too seriously. But when there's nothing else, it's wise not to throw anything away. Without anyone knowing about it, we arranged a trial run. We loaded down wicker cages with carrier pigeons, water and overland varieties. We wrote little nonsense messages and put them in the leg capsules of these pigeons. We then tossed them in the air.

I was then in the south of England at Field Marshall Montgomery's HQ near Portsmouth. 24 hours went by and not a

pigeon showed in London. 48 hours and not a sign. Then I had a surprise call from the police chief of the Isle of Wight. The pigeons were all over his jail and messing it up. What should he do? I told him, the food shortage being what it was, to have them for dinner.

The night of June 5, when the 101st Airborne was loading up for crossing to Normandy, Bob Reuben showed up with a wicker cage holding two carrier pigeons. As the plane approached Normandy, he wrote on cigarette paper "We have landed Normandy. Reuben. Reuters." He put one in the leg capsules on the two pigeons. When he jumped into the darkness of June 6 he had a pigeon in each hand.

At 9 o'clock that D-Day evening I had a call from Dover on the English Channel. A tired pigeon had just landed at the cote there. In his leg capsule was the message "Have landed Normandy. Reuben. Reuters." It was the first story from Normandy on D. Day.

## Conway Remembered

The late Hugh Conway was honored at a memorial service attended by many OPC members and friends on June 8, 1985. Hugh Conway, former reporter for Stars & Stripes and the New York World Telegram had been a member of the Overseas Press Club since 1946, and had participated in many of its activities and events. His widow Edith, presented Henry Gellermann, President of the OPC Foundation, with a generous contribution in his memory.

Henry Gellermann expressed, on behalf of the OPC its sorrow over the loss of a great newspaperman and a good friend.

## OPC Notes

One of the best opportunities for print journalists to get backing for a project is offered by the Alicia Patterson Foundation. Open now is their 21st annual competition. You can submit your proposal until October 1. You have to be a U. S. citizen with at least five years of professional experience. What you are offered is \$25,000 for travel and living expenses.

Write to Helen McMaster Coulson, executive director, at 615 Fifteenth St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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Our own Norman Schorr was quite a ladies' man in June. He was in Geneva, Switzerland, where the International Council of Nurses—more than a million nurses in 97 countries—decided to have Schorr and Howard, Norman's PR outfit—handle their PR for their 18th quadrennial congress. And he will be with them in Tel Aviv, where they will congregate, some 3500 of them, to discuss whatever nurses discuss when they're not nursing patients.

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E. W. Williams, publisher of Quick Frozen Foods International, Private Label Magazine and Directories was married on June 22nd to Alma Davies Kaye. Mrs. Kaye is working on a Broadway musical and is also a jewelry designer. Mr. Williams, a member of the OPC and other organizations, is in Who's Who, has been in publishing in his own company all his life. He is widely traveled and has received some international awards. The couple's home will be in New Jersey.

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